

End of December

As a missionary that's been on the field for 8 years, with limited time back in the States, the chance for seeing extended family is precious! The kids so enjoyed spending time with their grandparents and their great grandparents, and this was the first time that Orion and Ocean had met their great grandparents as well. We were thankful to spend the holidays with them, as well as visiting supporting churches in Ohio and Western New York.

Kibou (Hope) Baptist Church and the international church in Niigata were excited to have visitors to the various Christmas activities over the holidays. Please pray for the salvation of those that came.

Starting 2024 with a Bang (literally)

As you may have heard on the news, on January 1 there was a large earthquake near Niigata. It did considerable damage and over 200 have died. While there was damage done in our area, our house, the church building we rent, and all of our members' houses suffered no real damage, and we praise God for that. Please be in prayer for the people who have suffered loss in Niigata and the surrounding areas, that they would find hope in Jesus.

An Incredible Opportunity!

Just recently, I found an incredible deal on a building that is literally around the corner from the building we rent for the church in Niigata. **This potential building is almost 7 times larger than the space we rent now and it has double the parking!** The building is reinforced concrete because it used to be a bank, which means it would be more resilient in an earthquake than we could afford to build ourselves. **We can get all of this for about \$275,000!!! This is an incredible bargain for the area!** We have raised \$12,000 so far. **We need to raise an additional \$263,000 before we head back to Japan this summer, so that we would be able to purchase this building.**

I know it seems like we're a long way off from that amount, but we just had a church pledge \$1000 toward the purchase of this building, and if we had the rest of our supporters give similarly toward this project, we would have the funds. I normally don't ask for funds above our monthly support, but I really feel like God has prepared this place for us. Would you please consider giving? If you feel led to give, please mark the funds with "for Hill family: Japan church building fund".

Thank you to all of you who have already given and who have supported us for these 8 years of ministry in Japan! To God be the glory!!



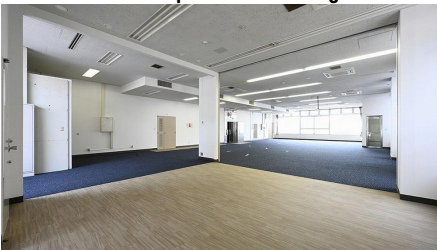
The kids with their great grandparents



Our local post office parking before/after earthquake damage



Front of potential building



Auditorium space on 1st floor is as big as our entire current rental



Floor plan showing parking and a flat roof that could be used as an outdoor space

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